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Blunt Appears in PSAs for Missouri Donations Call Center (800) 841-8891

Missouri Governor Matt Blunt appears in a Public Service Announcement (PSAs) promoting the Missouri Donations Hotline—800 841-8891. Southwestern Bell Communications donated this 800 number. The number becomes operational at 10 a.m. on September 15. The PSAs will run on radio and television stations for six weeks beginning Sept 17. The Missouri Donations Hotline has been established for anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to the Hurricane Katrina victims. Trained AmeriCorps volunteers will help callers between the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

The Missouri call center can receive calls regarding donations, and volunteer opportunities for Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Missouri. The call center will also receive calls



regarding hurricane victim housing opportunities. Monetary donations are still preferred because it allows hurricane survivors to purchase items they need in their local communities. Many of the Gulf Coast communities

are not prepared to accept, store or distribute unsolicited items.

Missouri Receives Presidential Disaster Declaration For Hurricane Katrina Response

Missouri Governor Matt Blunt announced the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Missouri's request for Emergency Disaster Assistance to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"This federal emergency disaster declaration will help local jurisdictions recoup eligible costs associated with emergency protective measures that were undertaken to save lives and protect public health and safety," Blunt said. Blunt noted State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) staff will be working with local jurisdictions to identify and determine eligible reimbursable costs associated with this relief effort.

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Director's Report

I want to thank everyone for the Hurricane Katrina response efforts in Missouri. Through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), Missouri sent over 2000 Guardsmen, and many local



and state employees to Mississippi and Louisiana. Likewise, FEMA sent many Missouri firefighters, CERT and Medical Reserve members to the

disaster area. Local Emergency Managers set up shelters, and worked tirelessly with volunteer and faith-based response organizations to handle the influx of hurricane victims into local communities.

As of Wednesday, September 14, the Missouri Red Cross chapters were working with 9,504 individuals who self-evacuated to Missouri to stay with family, friends, or church groups.

Missouri received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Hurricane Katrina response. We are used to responding to a Missouri disaster and working with our citizens who are disaster victims. However, this is the first time we have assisted self-evacuated disaster victims from another state where the disaster occurred. Your flexibility is to be commended. Likewise, your response with volunteer organizations and faith-based disaster response groups is excellent. After participating in many conference calls, I can truly say Missouri's disaster victim response efforts outshine the efforts of many other states.

Once the disaster response settles down, I encourage every county and city chief elected official to work with their emergency management directors to update local

emergency plans. Let us take the lessons learned on evacuations and sheltering from the Hurricane Katrina response to strengthen our own local and state disaster response plans.

MUFRTI, SEMA and MEPA present...

Homeland Security Conference - Oct 29-30

The University of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training Institute (MUFRTI), State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), and the Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association (MEPA) present "Moving Toward A Secure Future," Fall Conference, September 29-30 at Osage Beach, MO.

MEPA will hold their board meeting prior to the Conference at 3 p.m., Friday, October 28.

The Conference General session begins at 8 a.m. with opening comments, and presentations on Missouri Homeland Security State Strategy, Integrated Operations – NIMS in Action, and Infrastructure Protection Partnerships.

90-minute workshops will be offered on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Workshops offerings are: "Disaster Management Interoperability System Program" with Dr. Scott Eyestone; "Integrated Communications Technical Assistance Program" with John Powell, "National Incident Management System" with Kyle Blackman, "Responder Knowledge Base/Memorial Institute Prevention of Terrorism" with Jim Gass, and "Risk Assessment; Security vs Emergency Management" with Dr David Turner.

The conference fee is \$75 before October 7 or \$100 after that date. The fee is payable to the Fire & Rescue Training Institute, 240 Heinkel

Building, Columbia, MO 65211-1342.

Lodging reservations made before Sept 29 are \$86/night at Tan-Tar-A - call 800-826-8272.

Nichols Named SEMA Deputy Director

Duane R. Nichols is the new State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)

Deputy Director

effective August 1. He comes to state government with a varied and impressive federal law enforcement background. In



1999, Nichols retired after a 30-year career in firearms, explosives and arson enforcement with the Alcohol Tobacco Firearms (ATF) offices, Kansas City. Prior to joining SEMA, Nichols was the State Program Coordinator for the Office of National Drug Control Policy's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program (HIDTA), Jefferson City.

Nichols is a graduate of Eldon High School, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Government and History from Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg. His wife, Sue of 40 years is a retired elementary music teacher. The Nichols have two children and four grandchildren.

Chapter 44 Changes Focus on NIMS and Mutual Aid

On September 8, 2004, Department of Homeland Security Tom Ridge asked all governors to support and adopt National Incident Management System (NIMS). In the last legislative session changes concerning both NIMS and Mutual Aid were introduced and approved. On August 28, 2005, changes to Chapter 44 became effective. Here is the text of the bill that pertains to changes with NIMS and Mutual Aid. Chapter 44 authorizes SEMA.

44.090. 1. The executive officer of any political subdivision may enter into mutual-aid arrangements or agreements with other public and private agencies within and without the state for reciprocal emergency aid. Such arrangements or agreements shall be consistent with the state disaster plan and program and the provisions of section 70.837, RSMo. In time of emergency it shall be the duty of each local organization for emergency management to render assistance in accordance with the provisions of such mutual-aid arrangements or agreements.

44.090. 2. Any contracts that are agreed upon may provide for compensation from the parties and other terms that are agreeable to the parties and may be for an indefinite period as long as they include a sixty-day cancellation notice provision by either party. The contracts agreed upon may not be entered into for the purpose of reduction of staffing by either party.

44.090. 3. At the time of significant emergency such as fire, earthquake, flood, tornado, hazardous material incident, terrorist incident, or other such manmade or natural emergency disaster anywhere within the state or bordering states, the highest ranking official of a political subdivision available may render aid to any requesting political jurisdiction, even without written agreement, as long as he or she is in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth by the governing board of that jurisdiction.

44.090 4. When responding to mutual aid or emergency aid requests, political subdivisions shall be subject to all provisions of law as if it were providing service within its own jurisdiction.

44.090 5. All political subdivisions within the state are, upon enactment of this legislation or an execution of an agreement, are automatically a part of the Missouri statewide mutual aid system. A political subdivision within the state may elect not to participate in the statewide mutual aid system upon enacting an appropriate resolution by its governing body declaring that it elects not to participate in the statewide mutual aid system and by providing a copy of the resolution to the state fire marshal and state emergency management agency.

44.090 6. Emergency response agencies shall include fire service organizations, law enforcement agencies, emergency medical service organizations, public health and medical personnel, emergency management officials, infrastructure departments, public works agencies, and those other agencies, organizations, and departments that have personnel with special skills or training that are needed to provide services during an emergency or disaster.

44.090 7. It shall be the responsibility of each political subdivision to adopt and put into practice the National Incident Management System promulgated by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

44.090 8. In the event of a disaster that is beyond the capability of local political subdivisions, the local governing authority may request assistance under this section.

44.090 9. Any entity or individual that holds license, certificate, or other permit issued by a participating political subdivision or state shall be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted in the requesting political subdivision for the duration of the declared emergency or authorized drill.

44.090 10. Reimbursement for services rendered under this section shall be in accordance with state and federal guidelines. Any political subdivision providing assistance shall receive appropriate reimbursement according to those guidelines.

44.090 11. Applicable benefits normally available to personnel while performing duties for their jurisdiction are also available to such persons when an injury or death occurs when rendering assistance to another political subdivision under this section. Responders shall be eligible for the same state and federal benefits that may be available to them for line of duty deaths if such services are otherwise provided for within their jurisdiction.

44.090 12. All activities performed under this section are deemed to be governmental functions. For the purposes of liability, all participating political subdivisions responding under operational control of the requesting political subdivision are deemed employees of such participating political subdivision.

Initial Hurricane Katrina and Rita Responses....

Over 12,642 Katrina/Rita Victims In Missouri

On September 27, the Red Cross was working with 12,642 Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims staying with family, friends or faith-based organizations in Missouri.

"We encourage every hurricane victim to register with the local chapter of the American Red Cross," said SEMA Director Ron Reynolds.

The Red Cross and other volunteers will also help victims get into the FEMA disaster registration system either via the 800 number or the FEMA website.

Additionally this helps Missouri voluntary and faith based disaster response organizations help administer services in the local communities. SEMA will use the information to help reimburse governments for the emergency related costs associated with their Hurricane Katrina and Rita activities.



Sheltering Operations & Services by Local EMAs

Emergency Management Offices in St. Louis, St. Louis County

and Kansas City should receive accolades for their intensive efforts over the Labor Day weekend to establish and standup shelters to accommodate large numbers of Hurricane Katrina victims FEMA indicated they would be flying to either St. Louis or Kansas City.

A special thanks to all the Red Cross Service Centers in Missouri especially the Springfield, Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Jefferson City, which have accommodated large numbers of Hurricane Katrina victims who self evacuated to family and friends in Missouri. A special thanks to the Salvation Army, and ALL the faith-based organizations with disaster response missions, and the many communities who operated shelters and helped Katrina victims in their communities.



A special thanks to the Missouri Departments of Health and Senior Services, Natural Resources, Social Services and Mental Health for their assistance with sheltering operations. A special thanks also goes to all the members of the Governor's Disaster Recovery Partnership.

St. Louis City set up a shelter in a city-owned building adjacent to Lambert International Airport, which could accommodate up to 2000 evacuees. This facility featured

sleeping areas, showers, and a designated play area for children. St. Louis County rehabilitated a county facility to serve as a shelter for victims already living in the county, established a donations call center, and an electronic tracking system. Kansas City set up two shelters – at Brush Creek Community Center and at Roberson Elementary School, to accommodate up to 500 evacuees.

State Agencies Respond to Hurricane Katrina Through EMAC

As of September 27, the following Missouri State Agencies have responded to Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests for assistance in Mississippi and Louisiana: over 2000 Missouri National Guardsmen, 50 Missouri State Highway Patrol officers, six Missouri State Highway Patrol communications officers, eight Missouri State Water Patrol Officers with four boats, 16 Department of Conservation Officers with eight boats, and SEMA's Statewide Volunteer Coordinator, Dante Gliniecki, and MERC's Bob Dopp.

State Employees Volunteer with ARC Disaster Response

State employees may take up to two weeks administrative leave if they are volunteering with the American Red Cross for disaster assistance.

The following state employees have taken advantage of

this program to work with the Hurricane Katrina Efforts: Steven Stacey of Jefferson City at the Astrodome Shelter Manager, Houston, TX; Brian Stanton of Jefferson City at Falls Church, VA; Jerry Gamblin of Jefferson City Returned from Disaster Relief Operation; Gregory Borskey of St Joseph in Baton Rouge, LA; Steven Stacy of Cape Girardeau at Baton Rouge, LA; David Fleming of Cape Girardeau returned from Disaster Operation; and Janet Douglas of Springfield operated the Springfield DRC.

Accolades to Karen Benson & Partnership For Response



Karen Benson, co-chair of the Governor's Disaster Response Partnership, backfilled the Missouri Volunteer

Agency Coordination efforts for Hurricane Katrina response while Dante Gliniecki has been deployed to Mississippi.

Benson has been instrumental in collection of Katrina victim information. She is working disaster relief coordination between voluntary organizations and faith-based disaster response organizations. She worked with Polk County/Bolivar EMD Kermit Hargis provide training for the Missouri Donations Call Center.

Missouri's DMAT, Task Force #1, and AmeriCorps Teams Responde to Hurricanes

Missouri's Disaster Medical Assistance Team (MO-1 DMAT) was activated and deployed for both Hurricanes Dennis and Emily. July 8-14, the MO-1 DMAT team was activated and deployed to Meridian Navel Air Station, Mississippi for Hurricane Dennis. July 16-20, the team was redeployed on to the Dallas/Fort Worth staging area Hurricane Emily. On August 28, the team was deployed to Hurricane Katrina response for Mississippi and Louisiana.



The AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team (ERT) was sent to the Florida Panhandle for Hurricane Dennis recovery efforts. The team is operating a volunteer coordination center in Santa Rosa County matching unaffiliated volunteers with local volunteer groups. Volunteers are focused on damage assessments, roof tarping, and debris removal.

On July 9-13, the Missouri Task Force 1 (Boone County's urban search-and-rescue team) was activated and deployed to Hattiesburg, MS for Hurricane Dennis recovery efforts. FEMA activated the team's specialized search capabilities in anticipation of Hurricane Dennis; fortunately the team was released

after four days. On August 28, the team was deployed to Hurricane Katrina response for Mississippi and Louisiana. The team spend the majority of their deployment in New Orleans.

Katrina Crisis Counseling Available for Returning Responders

National Guardsmen, CERT teams, firefighters, and other volunteers returning to Missouri after a deployment to New Orleans, Mississippi and Alabama will have been exposed to horrific scenes. These returning responders should be aware of two crisis-counseling opportunities. There is a Missouri Katrina Crisis line available at 1-866-840-3940 as well as a National hotline that ties into the Missouri line. The National Katrina crisis line number is: 1-800-273-TALK.

A Guide for Severe Weather School Plans

Many EMDs work with schools to develop emergency plans and drills. The National Weather Service (NWS) developed free planning guide: "A Guide To Developing Severe Weather Emergency Plans For Schools." Here is the link to the website: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/lwx/swep>

Barbara McNaught Watson, former Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service, Baltimore-Washington Forecast Office, wrote this guide. While it is designed specifically for schools, the principles used can be applied to any facility that is used by people including businesses, shopping malls, depots, hotels and hospitals.

Missouri's Preparedness Activities - Capitol Rally



Over 700 people listened to Governor Matt Blunt's address preparedness activities, viewed 35 exhibits, and ate lunch prepared by the Missouri Baptists. Pictured clockwise are: Baptist team preparing the meal; Governor Blunt; the crowd; Department of Natural Resources Emergency Response display; Missouri Highway Patrol bomb squad display; CERT members; Methodist Disaster Responders who returned from Mississippi duty; Medical Reserve Corps; and DPS Director Mark James presents the Governor's Proclamation to SEMA and Partnership's Karen Benson.



National Preparedness Month Highlights

Preparedness and Volunteerism ARE Keys to Family Safety

This September, SEMA urges businesses and families to prepare for a disaster before it occurs. Likewise, local emergency management officials offer citizens numerous volunteering opportunities with the goal of protecting citizens before and after a disaster.

“A disaster can occur without warning. The difference between becoming a disaster survivor or a victim can hinge on simple things such as an emergency plan, a disaster kit, emergency food and water, and volunteering in your community,” said Ron M. Reynolds State Emergency Management Agency Director. Examples of how to write a family disaster plan, create a kit and where to seek emergency information is available at <http://ready.missouri.gov/>

One of the easiest ways to protect your family or business is to purchase insurance. Flooding and earthquakes are two of Missouri’s biggest natural hazards. They are not covered by homeowner or business insurance. Talk with your insurance agent about getting additional coverage for each of these disasters. Nationally 95 percent of all natural disasters involve flooding. The sad fact is only 5 percent of all those disasters qualify for federal disaster assistance. Flood insurance helps people recover faster, without having to apply for loans to rebuild homes or replace possessions.

Citizens and businesses are encouraged to purchase NOAA tone alert weather radios. Currently there are 32 NOAA Weather transmitters covering almost 100 percent of Missouri. In addition to sending advanced weather information, the tone alert radios can be accessed by

emergency management officials to provide life safety information. These radios can be programmed to activate for specific counties. The radios are available at electronic stores, retail discount stores, and often from grocery stores during the spring severe weather season.

One of the most crucial elements of local disaster response is a local volunteer. Many volunteers work with the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, United Way or one of the many faith based disaster volunteer organizations. These organizations are part of Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (MVOAD). MVOAD works with SEMA to help coordinate disaster relief. After a flood or tornado disaster, your neighbors volunteer to distribute donated goods, operate shelters, operate amateur radios, help clean away debris, act as storm spotters, or help clean and rebuild damaged homes.

Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of the Homeland Security. Here are some volunteer programs: Citizen Councils, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS), Neighborhood Watch, Fire Corps and Medical Reserve Corps.

In Missouri, the Disaster Recovery Partnership serves as the State Citizen Corp Council for coordinating volunteer efforts. There are 57 Citizen Councils in Missouri (20 city-based and 37 county-based). There is 138 CERT Programs covering 74 Missouri Counties including the City of St. Louis. Over 5250 Missourians have taken a CERT class. There are five established Medical Reserve Teams.

Insurance Coverage for a Disaster

By Matt Barton,
MO Department of Insurance

Insurance plays a big part in the lives of every citizen of the state of Missouri. From driving a car to purchasing a home to assuring financial stability for loved ones, insurance coverage is important in protection from financial loss. That’s why, as part of National Disaster Preparedness Month, the Missouri Department of Insurance, <http://www.insurance.mo.gov/>, is urging Missouri citizens to take this opportunity to review their insurance coverage and adjust coverage as necessary.

In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, the importance of insurance is certainly revealed. Insurance’s purpose is to anticipate catastrophic losses that could impair the financial future of the individual or business purchasing the insurance policy. Purchasing insurance covers losses on property by paying the policy holder the value of the property that was damaged or lost as a result of the disaster. Without insurance, the losses experienced in the event of a disaster could be financially devastating for individuals who have not purchased coverage through an insurance company. By knowing one’s insurance needs and researching insurance companies, individuals can better meet their requirements for insurance coverage.

Consumers may call the department’s toll-free phone number at 1-800-726-7390 to obtain the information on insurance companies licensed to do business in Missouri.

Good News Stories...



CHRISTIAN COUNTY Storm Ready Ceremony – On June 10, Christian County became recognized as a National Weather Service Storm Ready Community. Pictured at the ceremony are from left: National Weather Service Meteorologist Bill Davis, SEMA Area D Coordinator Candy Adams, State Senator Dan Clemens, and Christian County EMD Phil Amtour.

FEMA Reports No Tornado Related Deaths

FEMA recently reported for the first time there were no tornado related deaths during the peak tornado months of April, May, and June. However, FEMA is urging citizens not to become complacent in their preparedness efforts including efforts to safeguard their homes. Historically, tornadoes kill an average 52 people a year during the three peak months. During hurricane season, people in the path of hurricanes need to be aware that tornadoes can quickly form and to take precautions. Last year's tropical season spawned 300 tornadoes.

Caruthersville Becomes Storm Ready Community

Charlie Jones, City of Caruthersville Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director, hosted a National Weather Service (NWS) "StormReady" for the City of Caruthersville on June 28. The NWS presented the community with signs

designating the City as StormReady. These signs will be posted at the roadway entries to the City on Highway 84 (north of the City) and also on Interstate 55 (south of the City). Caruthersville is the first city in the Bootheel and the second city in Southeast Missouri to become a StormReady Community.

"Last October's tornado in Cooter emphasized the importance of citizens having weather radios. The destruction was awful, and it left me with an awful feeling to see people hurt. We now have radios in every school, the nursing homes and many businesses. I would encourage every home to purchase a tone alert radio," Jones told reporters at the StormReady ceremony.

Ninety percent of all presidential declared disasters are weather-related. Through the StormReady program, NOAA's National Weather Service gives communities the skills and education needed to survive severe weather – before and during the event. StormReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen

their local hazardous weather operations. Communities have fewer fatalities and property damage if they plan before dangerous weather arrives. No community is storm proof, but StormReady can help communities save lives.

When it rains, it pours....

Candy Adams and Kermit Hargis EMD (Bolivar/Polk County) were preparing to conduct a Donations Management Class in Springfield in June. Candy took over the class when Kermit's mother passed away. However, during the class major flooding occurred in Polk County, Candy assisted the city/county officials with damage assessments while Kermit was attending the funeral. Good Job Candy! Kermit, please accept our condolences on the loss of your mother.

Fisk, Quilin Receive USDA Grants for Warning Sirens

The cities of Fisk and Quilin (both in Butler County) each received a \$9,750 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office to purchase an emergency, all-hazard, and voice capable warning sirens. The federal agency is providing more than three-fourths of the funding; the balance of \$2,658.25 for each siren is coming from the Butler County Health Department.

"The siren will be an important tool in alerting our residents to upcoming severe weather and is greatly appreciated," said Quilin Mayor James Vaughn.

"We have not had any major storm damage, but it can happen



CONGRATULATIONS - A.J. Lehmen, State Exercise Officer and Debbie Cheshire HS Exercise program manager were named August 2005 Department of Public Safety Employees of the Month. They were nominated because they ensured exercises were conducted in Missouri as part of a coordinated homeland security effort to support the State's Strategic Homeland Security Plan. Their efforts placed Missouri in the enviable position of one of the states setting the standard for Homeland Security Exercise Management.

anytime. EMA has always done a good job of spotting storms. The siren will be activated electronically, giving us a lot of advance warning. Even five minutes of warning can make a difference in being prepared," said Fisk Mayor James Sanders.

Grants also are being sought to purchase sirens for Neelyville and six scattered rural residential areas through a joint effort by the Butler County Commission, Emergency Management Agency and Health Department.

Ste. Gen County EMD Schwent Retires, Armbruster New EMD

Gregory "Mick" Schwent, emergency preparedness director for Ste. Genevieve County retired on June 30. Art Armbruster, director of the county's 911 dispatch center was named new Emergency Management Director.

Schwent plans to devote

more time to work on the planning and construction of the City of Ste. Genevieve's new firehouse facility. He is chief of the city's volunteer fire department and was instrumental in developing and implementing the firehouse proposal. Schwent has been an active director, spearheading preparation of the county's Emergency Preparedness Plan and promoting a variety of projects designed to enhance the public safety, such as a campaign promoting earthquake safety awareness and an effort to urge county residents to equip themselves with weather radios.

"Under Art's leadership, we will have the advantage of having someone who is full-time in the field of emergency response as our coordinator and the fit between Art's position as director of the 911 Center and as emergency response director couldn't be better. We believe he will do a very fine job," said County Presiding Commissioner Albert Fuels. He noted Armbruster has been involved in emergency response work for a number of years, and has helped the county take important steps that have really improved our capabilities. He has worked on many grants and has excellent ties to agencies at all levels.

St. Louis County Police Bomb Robot Saves Lives

The St. Louis County Police Department Arson and Explosives Bomb Removal Robot sustained considerable damage while attempting to make an improvised explosive device safe. This incident demonstrates how invaluable these types of robots are to local law enforcement and the methamphetamine problem in particular.

On Friday, July 1, 2005, the

Franklin County Narcotics Enforcement Unit went to a house to arrest a man on previous narcotics violations. When the officers approached the home, they could smell a strong chemical odor coming from an open basement window where they later seized a sizeable methamphetamine lab operation. Officers also discovered two improvised explosive devices inside the home.

The Franklin County Narcotics Enforcement Unit requested the St. Louis County Police Arson and Explosives Unit respond to assist in the removal of the improvised explosive devices. Detectives from the unit were able to remove the devices from the home and place them in a nearby field a safe distance away. By using the unit's RMI-9WT Bomb Removal Robot (acquired through the use of Homeland Security Funds), detectives attempted to remotely open the device as the device detonated, sending shrapnel as far as 75 yards away. The robot sustained considerable damage estimated at over \$25,000 to repair.

FEMA Region VII Moves to New Offices

Effective August 27, 2005, the FEMA Region VII office will be located at: 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64114-3372. The telephone numbers will not change.

NE MO Medical Reserve Corps Training Classes

The NE MO Medical Reserve Corps in Kirksville is offering one-day courses to current and new Medical Reserve Corps members. Membership applications are available at www.nemomrc.org or by calling (660) 626-2192. Advanced Registration is required.

Changes at SEMA

Promotions

Gayla Weber is the new Area F Coordinator in Planning and Disaster Assistance Branch. She replaces Tom LeCompte who retired. Gayla was the Earthquake Program Manager in the Floodplain and Mitigation Branch.

Brenda Gerlach is the new Disaster Assistance Officer (EMO III) in the Planning and Disaster Assistance Branch. She replaces Bruce Fisher, who is the new Area A Coordinator. Brenda worked with state contracts, purchasing and human resources for the Fiscal Branch.

Debbie Sherman is the new Communications Specialist effective August 16, 2005. She replaces Cathy Zumwalt who retired. Debbie was the Administrative Assistance in Operations.

Ron Gerke, Accountant I, will now work exclusively with Homeland Security Grants.

Rose Hodge is the Accountant I previously filled by Ron Gerke.

New Employees

Duane R. Nichols is the new SEMA Deputy Director effective August 1. He retired from the U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Agency in Kansas City and worked several years with grants to fight drug trafficking, prior to taking the job with SEMA.

Jason Schneider is the Design Engineer II in Floodplain/Mitigation Branch.

Departures

Jim Wakeman, Deputy Director left SEMA on July 15, 2005. Prior to becoming the Deputy Director, Wakeman was the Operations Branch Chief and Homeland Security Grant Coordinator. He retired from the Missouri National Guard with the rank of Colonel in 2000.

Jim Cooper, a contract employee in fiscal who worked closely on the Homeland Security grant purchase auditing procedures, departed. Both Jim and his wife are now retired and plan to travel.

Condolences

Bob Dopp, MERC Section Chief, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Steve Sloan, SEOC Manager, on the death of his grandson.

Congratulations

A.J. Lehmen, Training Technician II, and **Debbie Cheshire**, Program Manager, were the August 2005 Employees of the Month for the Department of Public Safety.



Business Earthquake tour – Phyllis Steckell, former chair of the Missouri Seismic Safety Commission secured a National Earthquake Reduction Program (NERP) grant to show business planners and decision makers the earthquake risk along the New Madrid Seismic Zone. Approximately 40 executives heard lectures about the earthquake risk while traveling in a bus between St. Louis and Memphis. The tour included several field trips to see sand blows, liquefaction, Reelfoot Lake, Crawley's Ridge and the new seismic bridge linking Missouri to Illinois at Cape Girardeau. The group is pictured at the Emerson Bridge in Cape Girardeau.

Major Midwest Quake Possible, Prepare Now

By Michael D. Brown, Former FEMA Director

A recent New Madrid Seismic risk scientific study confirms what the experts from U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and many other research findings have consistently shown: The New Madrid Seismic Zone, which stretches from St. Louis to Little Rock to Central Tennessee and into Mississippi is moving as we speak. And the entire Midwest is at risk from a potentially damaging earthquake in the future.

History doesn't give us great scientific detail about the 1811-1812 New Madrid earthquakes. Experts have uncovered much more from the geological record of the area. Based on the historical record and modern science research, we know this much: The entire Mississippi Valley and much of the Eastern United States was shaken by three major earthquakes over that winter.

The five-year study from University of Memphis researchers shows that New Madrid seismic zone remains under enough strain to unleash devastating earthquakes. Scientists estimate that during any 50-year period, there's a 7-10 percent chance of major earthquake like the ones in 1811 and 1812. But even without an 1811-1812-type earthquake, the chances of a magnitude 6.0 earthquake are 25-40 percent in that same 50-year period.

While hurricanes can be predicted, earthquake prediction is considerably more complex. Our scientific, engineering, and research partners tell us to prepare for the worst. We may not know exactly when the next major temblor will shake the New Madrid region, but we certainly know the hazard is real. It's not a matter of "if", but of "when."

The good news is people and communities can prepare now by adopting the new International Building Code or through earthquake mitigation.



Above: Two of four steam generators to be installed during the fall outage at the Callaway Nuclear Plant. Below: the Turbine rotor. Photos courtesy of AmerenUE/ Callaway Nuclear Power Plant.

New Equipment Arrives at Callaway Nuclear Plant

Four new steam generators and turbine rotors will be installed during the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant's fall refueling outage. The new equipment is for Refuel 14, the longest and most complex refueling outage in plant history. Employees and contractors will also perform thousands of maintenance activities, modifications, inspections and tests throughout the plant during the 70-day outage, scheduled to begin in mid-September.

In late June, barges loaded with four new steam generators and new turbine rotors arrived at the plant's docking facility on the Missouri River. The steam generators are like giant teakettles. They create the steam that turns the turbine-generator to produce electricity. Each steam generator is about 70 feet tall and 17 feet in diameter at its widest part.

That's about half as tall and several feet wider than one of the Space Shuttle's solid rocket boosters. Each steam generator weighs about 400 tons. Each of the new turbine rotors is 35 feet long, 15 feet wide, and weighs 164 tons. If all four were attached together, they would be about as big as the Space Shuttle's giant external fuel tank.

The new steam generators were manufactured in France and turbine rotors were manufactured in England and Switzerland. The equipment was shipped to the U.S. Then barged from New Orleans to mid-Missouri. The steam generators and turbine rotors made the final five-mile journey to the plant site by trailer on a specially compacted "heavy haul" road originally built for the plant's construction.



At A Glance

New Directors

Eric Heitmeyer EMD for City of Paris (Monroe County); **Garland Wayne Ford** EMD for DeKalb County; **Tom Collins** EMD for City of Walnut Grove (Greene County); **Robert Creed** EMD for Randolph County/ City of Moberly; **Daron Dalton** EMD for Clark County; **Scott Morello** EMD for Jackson County; **Corey Sloan** EMD for City of Cameron (Clinton County); **Michael McCabe** EMD for City of Rockaway Beach (Taney County); **Donald Henke** EMD for Linn County; **Keith Stammer** EMD for Jasper County/City of Joplin; **Brenda Bickford** EMD for City of Charleston (Mississippi County); **Art Armbruster** EMD for Ste. Genevieve County; **Jim Barber** EMD for Benton County; **Jesse D. Taylor** EMD for Cedar County; Chief **Christine Keim** EMD for city of Nevada (Vernon County); **Joe Aid** EMD and Chief **Charles Brotherton** Asst EMD for City of West Plains (Howell County); **Tom Bridger** EMD for City of Sikeston (Scott County); **Richard Couch** EMD for Butler County, Fire Chief **Randy D. Behrens** EMD for City of Kirksville (Adair County); **David Ritchie** EMD for City of Sturgeon (Boone County); **John George** EMD for Branson West (Stone County), Police Chief **Greg Mills** EMD for City of Riverside (Platte County), Barlow Biggers EMD for Miller County.

Congratulations

Caruthersville became a Storm Ready community on June 28, 2005.

Wayne Ford, DeKalb County EMD completed the PDS series

Jim Belles is the new Meteorologist in Charge (MIC) at the National Weather Service, in Memphis. He returns to Memphis after serving as MIC in Davenport Iowa.

New Police Station/EOC for the City of Portageville (New Madrid County dedicated on July 28, 2005.

Bruce Clements heads the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Emergency Response and Terrorism efforts at the Center for Emergency Response to Terrorism (CERT).

Retirements

Mick Schwent EMD for Ste Genevieve County retired in July to devote more time to other Ste. Genevieve City projects he is supervising.

Jim Duke, National Weather Service Meteorologist in Charge in Memphis, retired in January.

Deaths

Dennis Young, former Assistant EMD in the St. Joseph Fire Department under State Representative Ed Wildberger.

State Agencies Participate in Series of Summer SEOC Exercises...



**Agriculture - Animal
Terrorism**



Corrections - Hazmat Evacuations



MSHP - Security Missions



**Transportation - Bridge Dis-
ruptions**

**Health & Senior Services -
Bioterrorism**



Missouri's First Responders Receive Briefing On DOE Shipments

SEMA REP Planner, Ed Gray, along with DOE representatives presented two programs on the radioactive low-level waste shipments that are being sent through Missouri for storage or processing at locations west of Missouri.

Thirty-seven first-responders were briefed at the St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management on July 6, 2005. Dan Hoglund and Charles Hill of Visionary Solutions informed many of the Fire and Police Chiefs, as well as Hazardous Material Team Leaders, that there would be 3,500 shipments of this waste going through St. Louis County over the next three years. These shipments would be coming from Fernald, Ohio and going to West Texas via Interstate 44. Also covered in this briefing were the 275 trucks shipping campaign going to Envirocare in Utah. The Silo 3 campaign involves radioactive metallics that have been combined with pine tar and will be shipped around St. Louis and taken through Kansas City on Interstate 70.

On July 7, 2005, Springfield/Greene County Emergency Management sponsored a briefing for twenty-four first-responders from the Southwest Missouri area. Included in both briefings was an inspection of a trailer with two mock-up containers similar to those that would be used in the campaign. Mr. Ken Hawks of Visionary Solutions brought his rig to St. Louis and then parked it at Springfield Fire Station #8, where the training was held.



Springfield Fire Department (and others) inspects the mock-up trailer for the Fernald Closure Project. 7July2005

2005-06 SEMA Training Schedule

Date	Title	Location
10/4-6/05	WMD Tactical Commanders Course	Chesterfield
10/18/05	Rapid Assessment Workshop 8-noon	SEMAEOC
10/18-20/05	Exercise Design & Evaluation (PDS, POST)	Springfield
10/25-27/05	EOC Management & Ops (APDS, POST)	St. Charles
11/8-0/05	Recovery from Disasters Local Government	TBA
11/8-10/05	EOC Management & Ops (APDS, POST)	TBA
11/8-9/05	Recovery from Disasters Local Gov't (APDS)	Platte City
11/29-30/05	Evacuation & Re-entry Planning (APDS)	St. Louis City
12/5-6/05	Principles of Emergency Mgt (PDS, POST)	Joplin
12/13-15/05	Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS)	Cape Girardeau
1/10-11/06	Principles of Emergency Mgt (PDS, POST)	St. Louis City
1/10-12/06	Exercise Design & Evaluation (PDS, POST)	West Plains
1/18-20/06	Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS)	St. Louis City
1/24-26/06	Mass Fatalities Incident Response (APDS)	St. Louis City
1/31- 2/2/06	Mass Fatalities Incident Response (APDS)	St. Louis
2/2/06	WMD Crime Scene Management	Memphis
2/6-9/06	Incident Command System T-t-T	Jefferson City
2/7-9/06	Exercise Design & Evaluation (PDS, POST)	St. Louis City
2/8-9/06	Community Mass Care Management (APDS)	Joplin
2/14-16/06	Basic Public Information (ADPS)	St. Joseph
2/22-23/06	Hazardous Weather & Flooding (APDS)	St. Charles
3/7-9/06	Exercise Design & Evaluation (PDS, POST)	Moberly
3/14-15/06	Emergency Planning (PDS, POST)	St. Louis County
3/22-23/06	Special Events Contingency Planning (POST)	Branson
4/4-5/-06	Evacuation & Re-entry Planning (APDS)	Cape Girardeau
4/11-12/06	ICS/EOC Interface (APDS, POST)	St. Charles
4/25-27/06	Effective Communications (PDS, POST)	Jefferson City
5/2-4/06	Homeland Security for Local Gov's (APDS)	Springfield
5/16-17/06	Leadership & Influence (PDS, POST)	Jefferson City
5/18/06	Decision Making & Problem Solving (PDS, POST)	Jefferson City
5/23-24/06	Principles of Emergency Mgt (PDS, POST)	West Plains
6/6-7/06	Hazardous Weather & Flooding (APDS)	Springfield
6/14-15/06	Developing & Managing Volunteers (PDS, POST)	Moberly
6/20-21/06	Special Events Contingency Planning (POST)	St. Louis City
6/21-22/06	Multi-Hazard Safety for Schools (APDS)	St. Louis County
6/28-29/06	Warning Communications (APDS)	Springfield
7/25-27/06	Basic Public Information (APDS)	Springfield
8/1-3/06	EOC Management & Ops (APDS, POST)	Jefferson City
8/9/06	WMD Crime Scene Mgt for Emergency	St. Louis City
8/9-10/06	Mitigation Planning for Local Gov't	Jefferson City
8/16-17/06	Recovery from Disaster Local Gov't (APDS)	St. Charles
8/22-24/06	Homeland Security for Local Gov't (APDS)	Sikeston
9/13-14/06	Resource Management (APDS)	Branson

Missouri Homeland Security Update...



Mark James, Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety and Chairman of the Missouri Homeland Security Council held a press conference after the first council meeting in August. Pictured behind James are Council Members.

Blunt Streamlines Homeland Security Council Council Will Target Efforts

Gov. Matt Blunt formally merged homeland security responsibilities into the Department of Public Safety and establishing the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Public Safety Director Mark James will chair the 17-member council along with vice chairman Michael Chapman, the state's Homeland Security Director. The council will focus on local and state homeland security plans and how homeland security grants funds can best be coordinated and expedited.

Other council members include Director of the State Emergency Management Agency Ronald M. Reynolds, Director of Health and Senior Services Julia M. Eckstein, Director of Transportation Pete K. Rahn, Director of Agriculture Fred Ferrell, Director of Natural Resources Doyle Childers, Director of Economic Development Gregory A. Steinhoff, Chief Information Officer of the State Dan Ross, State Adjutant General BG King E. Sidwell, Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire, State Fire Marshal Randy

Cole, Commissioner of the Water Patrol Rad Talburt, Chairman of the Public Service Commission Jeff Davis and three public members appointed by the governor.

Chapman Resigns, James Leads Homeland Security

Michael Chapman resigned as Director of Homeland Security on September 8, 2005. Mark James Director of Public Safety will assume all responsibility and duties previously held by Chapman.

"I appreciate the sacrifices Mike has endured to serve in this capacity as my homeland security director," James said. "I respect his decision to return home to St. Louis to his wife and two young children. During his tenure, several homeland security projects have been initiated which are being carried out by various DPS divisions which I will continue to oversee, ensuring a more secure state."

46 CERT Programs Receive HS Grants Totaling \$352,473

The State of Missouri Office of Homeland Security and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) awarded \$352,472 in Homeland Security funds to 46 local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) programs. The CERT programs will use their funds to train new CERT volunteers.

Over 5250 Missouri citizens have been trained in the CERT Program. The program trains local citizen volunteers on light fire suppression, stopping bleeding, basic triage, accountability for neighbors or employees, light search & rescue, and turning off utilities after a disaster. Missouri currently has 138 existing CERT programs covering 74 Missouri counties.

The 46 CERT programs receiving homeland security funds for training are:

Audrain County CERT (\$10,000), Douglas County Emergency Management (\$9,085), Bates County (\$9,000), Bellefontaine Neighbors School (\$13,150), Bollinger County Health (\$9,000), Branson Fire & Rescue (\$3,785), Cape Girardeau Fire (\$34,736.25), Central County Fire & Rescue in St. Peters (\$10,000), Central Jackson County Fire Protection District (\$7,384), Christian County (\$9,680), Clay County Emergency Management (\$2,400), Crestwood Fire (\$1,362), Creve Coeur Police (\$5,000), DeKalb County CERT (\$2,000), Dunklin County Emergency Management

(\$10,000), Eureka Emergency Management (\$5,575), Fenton Fire (\$4,370), Ferguson (\$2,100), Florissant Police (\$2,000), Franklin County (\$3,800), Gasconade County (\$2,250), Greene County Emergency Management (\$4,920), Henry County Emergency Management (\$1,500), Higginsville (\$4,600), Independence Fire (\$26,689.50), Jefferson County (\$5,050), Kirksville (\$6,060), Lincoln County Emergency Management (\$3,375), Manchester (\$4,671), Marion County (\$7,200), Metro West Fire Protection District in Wildwood (\$30,000), Miller County (\$9,000), Pattonville Fire Protection District (\$9,000), Peculiar Citizen's Council (\$9,000), Perry County Health (\$5,176), Platte County Sheriff (\$4,600), Poplar Bluff (\$9,000), Rock Community Fire Protection District (\$10,000), St. Clair Fire Protection District (\$4,370), St. Louis (\$8,070), St. Louis County Emergency Management (\$9,992), Scott County Emergency Management (\$4,000), Texas County (\$4,500), Warren County Emergency Management (\$2,000), Wentzville CERT (\$6,215), and Willard (\$6,632).



Missouri Awards \$4.2 Million to 28 Homeland Security Response Teams

The State of Missouri through its State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) awarded \$4.2 Million in Homeland Security Funds to Missouri's Homeland Security Response Teams (HRST) during a leadership conference, Monday. The teams will use the reimbursable grants to purchase authorized equipment, send team members to training, and conduct exercises.

This spring the teams participated in 21 local and/or regional exercises with the goal of helping SEMA identify future equipment, training, and full-scale exercises opportunities to make the teams even more effective in their response operations. At the meeting, the team leaders were asked to help re-write policy and operations response procedures for alert notifications, response staffing from multiple units and deployment based on their experiences from the exercises earlier this year.

Each HSRT Team is composed of fire department hazardous materials response technicians, law enforcement, and emergency medical technicians. Because of the hazardous material response element, the teams are often housed with city or county fire departments. Currently, Missouri has 28 established teams scattered across the state. SEMA is working with local officials to establish at least two or more new teams.

Homeland Security Grants of \$150,000 were awarded to Homeland Security Response Teams in Camden County, City of Columbia, Jefferson City/Cole County, Jefferson County, City of Joplin, City of Kirksville, Lee's Summit Fire Department, Northwest Missouri HAZMAT, Ozark Regional HAZMAT, Rolla/Phelps County, St. Charles/Warren Counties, City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, Sedalia/Pettis County, Tri-District Fire Protection District, Franklin County, Boone County Fire Protection District, Branson/Taney County, City of Jackson/SEMO Hazmat Team, Clay County/Northland Fire Chiefs Assn, and Kansas City HAZMAT. The Springfield/ Greene County and Logan-Rogersville teams will receive a \$300,000 grant.

Homeland Security Grants of \$75,000 were awarded to Homeland Security Response Teams in City of Hannibal, Johnson County, City of Lebanon, City of Neosho, City of Nevada, City of West Plains, and City of Kennett.

The remaining balance has been set aside for new teams that have been identified. Before the new teams are established, SEMA and local elected officials must sign Memorandums of Agreement. The local groups must also document hazardous materials response technicians are certified, and agreements are in place with law enforcement and emergency medical technicians responders.





RAPID RESPONSE Communications Vehicles – Using Homeland Security funds, SEMA purchased five Rapid Response Interoperable Communications Vehicles. The vehicles are equipped with radios, a cell phone, a satellite phone, and a laptop with GPS. Area Coordinators and SEMA staff will use the vehicles to help local communities during full-scale exercise, disaster response, or if all local communications capabilities are disrupted. The vehicles are located with Area Coordinators “A” Bruce Fisher in Kansas City, “C” Derek Lohner in St. Louis, “D” Candy Adams in Springfield, and “E” Mark Winkler in Cape Girardeau. The fifth vehicle will remain at SEMA in Jefferson City. Pictured with the vehicles are Fisher, Lohner, and Adams.

NIMS Updates...

NIMS Compliance and Day-to-Day Operations

The NIMS Integration Center says all Response Organizations must use NIMS everyday or they are not NIMS compliant. The idea is to achieve interoperability among jurisdictions and disciplines. Those who do not train for, exercise and use NIMS and ICS in their day-to-day operations will not be able to integrate their activities into a system they do not know, haven’t practiced and don’t use.

As of Oct. 1, 2005, all federal preparedness funds recipients must adopt and use NIMS as a condition to receive FY’06 preparedness assistance funding. For more information about NIMS see our Web page at www.fema.gov/nims. Questions? Ask the NIMS Integration Center at NIMS-Integration-Center@dhs.gov or 202-646-3850.

NIMS Training Compliance

SEMA has been receiving an increasing number of requests for information regarding the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and training compliance issues. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security established NIMS compliance requirements for federal fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007. Those requirements include, but are not limited to, incorporating NIMS into existing training and exercises, completing the NIMS Awareness Course (IS-700), and institutionalizing the use of the Incident Command System (ICS).

States and local entities are encouraged to achieve full NIMS implementation during FY 2005. To the extent that full implementation is not possible during FY 2005, Federal preparedness assistance must be leveraged to complete NIMS implementation by FY 2006. By FY 2007, Federal preparedness assistance will be conditioned by full compliance with the NIMS.

The SEMA training section has published a list of recommended

courses for elected officials and emergency responders. Additionally, FEMA/DHS has also developed a similar list. These courses are provided at no cost to the student and in some cases they are also offered on-line. Here is the online link: <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>.

While both lists are “recommended”, it is important to remember that as the availability of federal preparedness funds is reduced, grant managers at the federal level will ultimately have to decide which grant applications are approved and which applications are turned down. It would be reasonable to assume that NIMS and ICS training for elected officials and emergency responders would be one of the items that would be reviewed as part of the grant approval process.

The SEMA training section is working to provide as many of these course as possible over the next few years, but ultimately each local entity will determine the success of their program. There is plenty of time to complete these courses prior to FY 2007, if we take a pro-active approach to the issue.

NIMS Training Recommendations for Volunteer Organizations

The volunteer agencies are a critical component of the State of Missouri emergency response and recovery effort during a time of disaster. With this in mind it is important that the personnel comprising these organizations receive sufficient training that would allow them to operate efficiently and integrate fully into the state and local response system.

As the public sector response community embraces the National Incident Management System

(NIMS) so too must the volunteer community that supports the disaster effort. It is with this in mind that the State Emergency Management Agency recommends that the following training matrix be followed by the volunteer agencies and organizations. These are minimum training guidelines and volunteers are encouraged to exceed them as needed.

Volunteer Responders should take the:

- IS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS 700 National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction

Volunteer Supervisors & Managers should take the:

- IS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS 700 National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction

These courses are available on-line at the Federal Emergency Management Agency/Emergency Management Institute website <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>. These courses are also available for classroom delivery through the same vendors contracted to provide the courses for the traditional emergency responder organizations. The contact information for these vendors may be found at <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NIMSProviders.doc>.

Questions relating to this document may be directed to Mr. Dante Gliniecki at (573) 526-9132 or dante.gliniecki@sema.dps.mo.gov.

**SEMA Provides NIMS/
ICS, Terrorism
Awareness Training**

SEMA is providing several organizations training grants to provide NIMS/ICS and Terrorism

Awareness training to the local jurisdictions as requested. With the exception of the Government Training Institute (GTI) at the Kansas City MARC who will provide limited training outside the Kansas City Metropolitan Area, these providers are expected to travel to the jurisdictions and provide the training throughout the state.

The list of the providers and their points of contact is included below. Any interested jurisdictions/organizations should contact the provider of their choice to schedule a course. These providers want to schedule as many of the courses listed below as soon as possible:

- IS700-NIMS, An Introduction
- IS800-National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction
- I100-Introduction to the Incident Command System (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- I200-Basic Incident Command System (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- I300-Incident Command System, Intermediate (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- I400-Incident Command System, Advanced (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- AWR160-WMD Standardized Awareness Course

This program is financed through the ODP 2004 grant process. If all goes well, we anticipate the availability of 2005 funding to continue the program beyond November 30th. This is the beginning of our effort to meet the NIMS compliance requirement prior to October 1, 2006. Missouri recommends going to the NIMS training guidelines link: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NIMSCompliance.doc>.

The I300 and I400 courses are in revision and are not ODP approved yet. As soon as they are approved they will be made available

through the providers.

Provider information:

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Kristine Martin, Emergency Services
Training & Exercise Coordinator,
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Missouri Police Chiefs' Assn. POC Sheldon Lineback,
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Missouri Sheriffs' Assn.
POC: Mick Covington, Executive
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MU Fire & Rescue Training Institute (MUFRTI) Gary
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Columbia, MO 65211, (800) 869-
3476, (573) 882-4735,
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St. Charles Community College POC: Lita M. Pener,
Director, Workforce Development,
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Any questions or requests for further information should be directed to Debbie Cheshire at 573-526-91112.

Winter Awareness Day Set for November 16, 2005

The National Weather Service, the State Emergency Management Agency and your local Emergency Management Agency set Wednesday, November 16, 2005, as Winter Awareness Day. The winter awareness campaign encourages citizens to prepare for the winter season and reminds them how to protect themselves during a severe winter storm. A winter storm may range from moderate snow over a few hours to blizzard conditions with blinding, wind driven snow or freezing rain that lasts for several days.

Important Winter Weather Terms

A Winter Storm Watch indicates that severe winter weather may affect your area.

A Winter Storm Warning indicates severe winter weather is in the area or expected immediately.

Before winter comes citizens should: Buy a tone alert weather radio and extra batteries for your regular radio. Have appropriate cold weather clothing available. Secure an alternate fuel source such as firewood or a generator. Make sure your fireplace functions properly. If you have a generator, make sure you have fuel and your generator functions properly. Insulate attics and windows.

Purchase snow shovels for your home and your car. Winterize the family car. Keep a winter car kit in the trunk of the car. The car kit includes a blanket, a spare radio with batteries, snacks or energy-type food, jumper cables, a shovel (if you get stuck in the snow), sand or shingles to give your tires traction. Fill your vehicle's gas tank before the snow starts falling. Have rock salt to melt ice, and sand or kitty litter to give you

traction as you walk on ice.

During and after the winter storm: Wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. Wear mittens rather than gloves. Wear a warm, woolen cap on your head. Conserve fuel by reducing your home thermostat and close unused rooms. Do not overexert yourself when shoveling snow. Do not

use charcoal or gas grills to cook or heat indoors.

Driving during a winter storm: Stay on the main roads. If you must stop your car, remain inside your car. Use a bright distress flag or your hazard lights to draw attention. Have a car safety kit (flares, shovel, sand, battery cable, blankets, and snacks).



TOURING SEOC – Area D Coordinator Candy Adams took emergency responders attending a planning class in Jefferson City on a tour of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). Pictured are: front row: Lawrence Co Asst EMD Carol Nutt, FEMA Region VII Tom Morgan, and Adams; back row: Stone County EMD Tom Martin, DNR/State Parks Fred Hicks, Shannon County EMD Stanley Murphy, and City of Macon EMD Jeff Skejeveland.

NWS Introduces Spanish Language Forecasts and Alerts on the Internet

By Scott Cordero, NWS Meteorologist, Memphis

Forecast offices within the Southern Region of the National Weather Service now feature Spanish language forecasts, watches, warnings, advisories and hazardous weather outlooks on the Internet. Each Web site of the 32 Weather Forecast Offices in 10 southern states from New Mexico to Georgia and Florida, plus Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, launches to a watch, warning and advisory map containing the link “Experimental: en español.” Selecting this link sends visitors instantly to weather information in Spanish. To view an example of a Spanish language web page, visit: http://www.srh.noaa.gov/meg/index_spa.php.

“The Hispanic population in the United States is the fastest growing segment of our society,” said Bill Proenza, director, National Weather Service Southern Region. “This new service represents a major step forward in providing easier access to vital, life-saving weather information and significantly reduces the potential language barrier for millions of our citizens.”

According to U.S. Census Bureau data on persons over the age of five, approximately 28 million people come from homes where Spanish is spoken. In the National Weather Service Southern Region, nearly 13 million people come from Spanish-speaking households.

NOAA's National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories.

St. Louis, Kansas City Join State & Federal Agencies for Terrorism Exercise...

FEDERAL Presence: Right: FEMA's Mindy McDaniel discusses requests with Jim Charrier. FAR RIGHT: FBI's Dave Kudmore discusses information with SEMA Deputy Director Duane Nichols and SEMA Director Ron Reynolds



ABOVE Left: DNR's Public Affairs and Environmental Response Teams go over information in preparation for a press release. **ABOVE:** SEMA Operations Cell being evaluated by observers.



ABOVE: Missouri State Highway Patrol officers view incoming exercise information for SEOC briefings. **RIGHT:** The Mental Health team prepares crisis counseling information for press release.





LEFT: Stephanie Bise works on entering data with 2 TEEX contractors.

BELOW LEFT: Ricky Presberry (middle standing) discusses the Homeland Security Law Enforcement Grant information with TEEX contractors helping enter information into a database for online submission.

BELOW: SEMA's Homeland Security Grant Program Manager Tom Mohr discusses the information parameters with Tetra Tech data entry contractor Christina Kuntz.



Missouri's Homeland Security Grants Entered into Electronic Reporting System

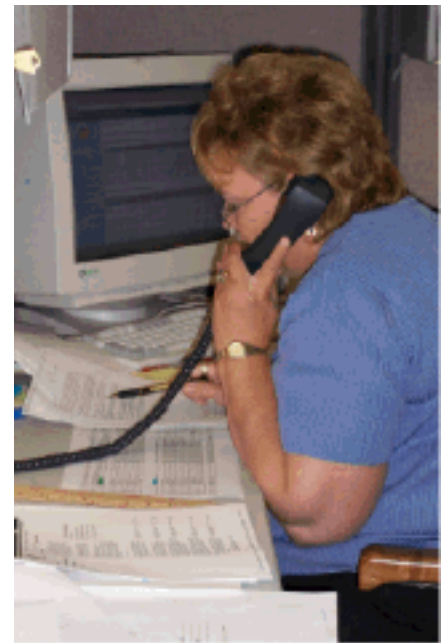
**By Dee Sanfilippo Solindas, MPA
Program Manager Grant Program**

This summer, SEMA participated in the Homeland Security BSIR (Biannual Strategy Implementation Report) process with contractors from TEEX. This process uses an ODP-provided online tool to report on grant funding from fiscal years 2004 and 2005. For the first time, Emergency management Program Grant (EMPG) was included in the reporting since the EMPG is now included in the FY05 grant award. To meet ODP requirements, SEMA Operations staff and TEEX contractors spent two weeks offsite doing data entry that would account for more than 1,600 individual projects managed by Operations.

In addition to the funding allocation data, the online data system reported on project types, goals and objectives, project metrics, funding impact, subcategories and disciplines. A comprehensive description was provided for each of our sub grantees, using our newly developed Electronic Grants Management System (EGMS).

Ricky Presberry, Stephanie Bise, Dennise Schaben, Alysia Beaudoin, and team lead Dee Solindas provided staff support and performed data entry and validation for the project. Additional assistance to link the EGMS and BSIR databases was provided by Tetra Tech contractors Christa Kuntz, Colin Wilits, Gabe Cantrell, Pauline Kuntz and Eric Kutz.

Missouri's next BSIR session is scheduled to occur in January 2006, with a similar process.



ABOVE: Tetra Tech Contractor Pauline Kuntz checks information on printouts for accuracy before submitting the grant information online.